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TO: Community E-lert Recipients
FROM: Jeffrey Chen, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Community E-lert #06-015

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CAR PROWLER ARRESTED BY MEDINA POLICE

During the early morning hours of August 18, 2006 at approximately 1:05 AM, a resident at 1000 block of 84th Ave NE called 911 to report she had just seen an unknown white male rummaging through the interior of her vehicle parked in the driveway. When the victim opened her front door, the male subject saw her and immediately exited her vehicle and stated, "I am just cutting through" before running off. Medina Police responded to contact the victim and were able to determine a crime had indeed taken place. Additional officers from Clyde Hill and Kirkland were immediately summoned to assist in forming a containment zone. A police dog from the Kirkland Police Department arrived and began to track for the suspect. The suspect was eventually located by the police canine unit down a long driveway in the 8600 block of NE 12th street after having traveled through several yards. A back pack belonging to the suspect was located a couple of houses away where he had attempted to conceal it behind some bushes. A search of the suspect incident to arrest further revealed a quantity of illegal methamphetamine drugs and a suspected stolen cell phone. Additional suspected stolen items were found inside the back pack. The suspect provided a full confession post Miranda and was booked into the Kirkland Jail for vehicle prowling in the second degree. The suspect has prior arrests for theft, vehicle prowling, and identity theft.

Efforts are underway to identify victims who might not yet be aware their vehicles have been compromised. Medina detectives will be sorting out the evidence and endeavor to return the stolen property to the rightful owners.

If you would like to speak to someone regarding this information, please call the Medina Police Department at 425.233.6420.

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